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SUBJECT: IMPORTATION PRIVILEGES FOR NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL

REF: PAKISTAN INSPECTION REPORT, SEPTEMBER 1974

1. REFERENCED INSPECTION REPORT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THAT ISLAMABAD AND DACCA MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR THE RELAXATION OF THE RE-EXPORT REQUIREMENT FOR PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES OF NON-DIPLOMATIC GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT PERMISSION TO DISPENSE TAX FREE GASOLINE FROM EMBASSY PUMPS TO ALL USG EMPLOYEES."

WE ARE PREPARING AN APPROACH TO THE GOP AS RECOMMENDED BUT WE NEED TO KNOW THE FOLLOWING CONCERNING NON-DIPLOMATIC PAKISTANI EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN, IN WASHINGTON:

A. DOES USG PLACE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE INTO THE U.S. (I.E. ANY TIME OR SIZE LIMITATIONS) FOR THIS CATEGORY OF EMPLOYEE.

B. DO SUCH EMPLOYEES HAVE RIGHT TO TAX-FREE GASOLINE.

C. DO SUCH EMPLOYEES PAY VEHICLE LICENSE FEES.

D. ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION OF SPORT GUNS (I.E. SMALL BORE PISTOLS, SHOTGUNS, RIFLES).

E. ARE THERE ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF BAGGAGE OR EFFECTS BY NON-DIPLOMATIC STAFF.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE PRESENT STATUS ON THE ABOVE BEFORE MAKING OUR APPROACH TO THE GOP. IF USG DOES NOT PRESENTLY IMPOSE ANY RESTRICTIONS AND NON-DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES AT THE PAKISTAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVE TAX-FREE GASOLINE, WOULD THE DEPARTMENT

BE PREPARED TO ADJUST THEIR PRIVILEGES TO A STRICT RECIPROCITY
BASIS IF THE GOP IS UNWILLING TO EASE ITS RESTRICTIONS?

3. WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO KNOW THE APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF
PAKISTANI EMPLOYEES THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY A CHANGE.
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